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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In Re Application of** : **Darren Kady**  
**Serial Number** : **09/178,837**  
**Filed** : **October 26, 1998**  
**For** : **Locking Device For Tools and Equipment**  
**Group** : **2735**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2000, with a response date of March 29, 2001, please enter the following:

**In the Claims**

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1. (Twice Amended) An [internal] operating control device for equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an internal activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

a predetermined user access code,